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Robert Christiaan MAKKUS et al. Confirmation No. 9700

Serial No. 09/807,025

GROUP 1746

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Examiner Jonathan Crepeau

METHOD FOR COATING A SUPPORT PLATE AND FUEL CELL PROVIDED WITH SUCH A SUPPORT PLATE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of April 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 15-18.

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 10-14, drawn to a method, without traverse.

Non-elected claims 15-18 are cancelled herewith, but may be made the subject of a divisional application to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.